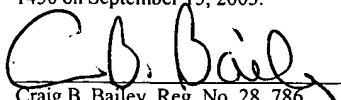


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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Dear Sir:

The Applicants appreciate the telephone interview granted to the Applicants' attorney on September 1, 2005. The following is intended to be a brief summary of the substance of the matters discussed at the interview.

During the interview, the Office Action of August 22, 2005, entitled "Supplemental Notice of Allowability," was discussed. The Office Action had been mailed to the Applicants approximately two months after the issue fee had been paid.

In the Office Action, the Examiner had indicated that the Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement of February 15, 2002, filed more than three years ago, had been placed in the application file, but had not been considered because it did not include a concise explanation of the relevance of each reference listed which was not in the English language.

During the course of the interview, the Examiner confirmed that the aforementioned comments in the Office Action were directed solely to the two foreign language references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement, namely, European application EP 0034077 and German application DE 3531399, and that all the remaining references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement had been fully considered by the Examiner, as indicated by the Examiner's initials on the PTO Form 1449 attached to the Office Action.

Applicants' attorney then pointed out that English language counterparts of both foreign language references already had been made of record in these proceedings, and as a consequence, the Applicants now believed that both foreign language references were merely cumulative of art already of record and therefore should have no effect on the previous indication of allowability.

Specifically, the Applicants attorney pointed out that German application DE 3531399 was a counterpart to an earlier-filed priority application, UK patent application No. 2,166,871, which was cited and relied upon by the Examiner in the Office Action of November 29, 2001.

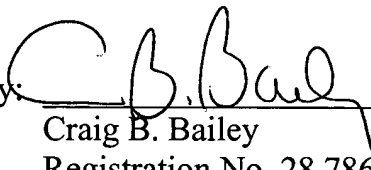
Likewise, the Applicants attorney pointed out that European application EP 0034077 was a counterpart to U.S. Patent No. 4,359,726, which was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement of October 17, 2003, and indicated as having been considered by the Examiner in the Office Action of November 5, 2003.

The Examiner agreed to allow the Applicants to make this information of record by submitting the instant Interview Summary for consideration by the Examiner and inclusion in the application file, without the need to withdraw the application from issue.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this Interview Summary, or any further suggestions for processing this application through to issuance, Applicants request the Examiner to contact the Applicants' attorney, Craig Bailey, at (310) 824-5555.

Respectfully submitted,

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